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### **Zionsville Police Department announces new crime-reduction unit**

The Zionsville Police Department (ZPD) has announced a new crime-reduction initiative called SAFE – Strategically Applied Focus and Enforcement. The mission of the ZPD SAFE Unit is to proactively seek out the criminal element and to locate and address issues that adversely affect the safety, security and quality of life of our citizens. The SAFE Unit also serves as a resource for the ZPD and other public safety agencies and units.

The SAFE Unit will be staffed with uniformed and plain clothes officers while under the direction of the Investigations Section at ZPD. Officers in this unit will work a flexible schedule to provide the ability to adapt to contemporary crime trends or safety issues. Their work will be data-driven, proactive and precise.

The SAFE Unit will have wide-ranging capabilities with a focus on improving quality of life issues such as property crimes, narcotics and crimes against persons. Officers in the unit will receive specialty training to help them be successful in their efforts and to best serve our town.

“These officers will support the work of other ZPD units, including patrol, plus neighboring agencies and task force partners with the overall goal of maintaining a safe community in and around Zionsville,” said Chief Michael Spears. “Our goal with this unit is to decrease property crimes and crimes against persons, making Zionsville an even safer place to live and do work.”

“The Zionsville Police Department has my full support in establishing this unit,” said Mayor Emily Styron. “As our town continues to grow, this unit will serve us well and support the department’s commitment to providing the highest level of professional police service to the community.”

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